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SUBJECT: BOKASSA

REF: (A) BANGUI 479; (B) BANGUI 484

1. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS RAISED REFTEL (A) WITH RESPECT BOKASSA'S CURRENT ANTI- WESTERN MOOD VIEWED AGAINST BACK-DROP RECENT ABORTIVE COUP ATTEMPT BY HIS FORMER CLOSE MILITARY ASSOCIATES. NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO TRANSMIT NEWSOM- BOKASSA LETTER AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL (A) BECAUSE SUCH COMMUNICATION CERTAIN TO BE MISCONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL INVITATION WITHOUT ANY PRIOR ASSURANCE THAT BOKASSA WOULD BE RECEIVED AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS AT TIME OF HIS CHOOSING. IF BOKASSA COMES TO THE US FOR HIS OWN PRIVATE REASONS, DEPT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE DESIRED HIGH LEVEL CALLS. AS EMBASSY AWARE, NEXT OPPORTUNITY WILL COME WITH VISIT ASTRONAUTS ANDERSON AND ROOSA UNDER AUSPICES PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU MAY WISH TO REMIND ESPINASSE OF ASTRONAUT PLANS TO OFFER BOKASSA RETURN HOSPITALITY. DEPT PLEASED TO NOTE THAT DESPITE HIS CURRENT INTERNAL POLITICAL CRISIS AND CONSEQUENT SEARCH FOR FOREIGN

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SCAPEGOATS, BOKASSA CONTINUES TO LOOK FORWARD TO
ASTRONAUT VISIT.

2. VOA PROBLEM ADDRESSED SEPTEL. ROGERS

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